GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM AND CULTURE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2349
ANSWERED ON:18.03.2002
INTERNATIONAL HERITAGE SITES
TRILOCHAN KANUNGO

Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the names of sites in India declared by UNESCO as International Heritage Sites;

(b) whether Konark has been declared as an International Heritage Site by UNESCO;

(c) if so, the steps taken to preserve, protect and develop the heritage site in order to attract more and more foreign tourists;

(d) whether the Government propose to take up the matter with Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to declare and develop the related N.Hs. as new National Highways as proposed by the Government of Orissa; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN)

(a)&(b) The list of Indian sites including Konark, which have been inscribed in the World Heritage list of UNESCO is in the annexure.

(c) The preservation and conservation of World heritage sites is an on-going process.

(d)&(e) The Ministry of Road & Transport have informed that a proposal for upgradation of Phulnakhara (at NH-5) Niali-Madhab Charichhak-Gop-Konarak-Puri (at NH-203) has been received from theGovernment of Orissa. Its inclusion for upgradation under the Tenth Five Year Plan will be considered, subject to the availability of funds, traffic requirements and inter-se priority.

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2349 RE TO ON 18.3.2002

LIST OF WORLD HERITAGE SITES IN INDIA

CULTURAL SITES

1) Ajanta Caves
2) Ellora Caves
3) Agra Fort, Agra
4) Taj Mahal, Agra
5) Sun Temple, Konark
6) Group of Monuments, Mahabalipuram
7) Churches & Convents, Goa
8) Group of Monuments, Khajuraho
9) Group of Monuments, Hampi
10) Fatehpur Sikri
11) Group of Monuments at Pattadakal
12) Elephanta Caves
13) Brihadisvara Temple, Thanjavur
14) Buddhist Monuments at Sanchi
15) Humayun`s Tomb, Delhi
16) Qutb Minar & its monuments, Delhi

NATURAL SITES

1) Kaziranga National Park
2) Manas Wild Life Sanctuary
3) Keoladeo National Park
4) Sunderbans National Park
5) Nanda Devi National Park

INDUSTRIAL SITE

1) Darjeeling Himalayan Railway